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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 119

**Introduced by ~~Assembly Member Garrick~~ Assembly Members
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119—Relative to Boy Scouts of America.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 119, as amended, Garrick. Boy Scouts of America.

This measure would ~~recognize February 8, 2010, as the 100th Anniversary of Scouting Day~~, congratulate and commend the Boy Scouts of America on their 100th anniversary and centennial celebration, and recognize the achievements and impacts the ~~Scouting~~ scouting program has had on youth.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was inspired and
- 2 modeled on the Boy Scouts Association, established by Lord
- 3 Baden-Powell in the United Kingdom in 1908; and
- 4 WHEREAS, ~~W.D.~~ William D. Boyce, an American newspaper
- 5 man, with Edward S. Stewart and Stanley D. Willis, incorporated
- 6 the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, and applied for
- 7 a federal charter; and

1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest
2 youth organizations in the United States, with over four million
3 current and active youth members; and

4 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America's goal is to train youth
5 in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance
6 through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities,
7 educational programs, and career-oriented programs in partnership
8 with community organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts first served as crowd control for
10 the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in 1913, and have
11 served at every inauguration since in some ceremonial role; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1912, following the success of the Boy Scouts
13 of America program, the Girl Scouts of the United States of
14 America was founded on the same scouting principles developed
15 by Lord Baden-Powell to promote the social welfare of young
16 women during the progressive movement and serving in
17 ~~compliment~~ *complement* to the Boy Scouts of America; and

18 WHEREAS, During the Great War, scouts were used as message
19 runners, coast watchers, and in other vital service roles, as well as
20 to collect countless tons of scrap metal and other natural resources
21 that could be recycled and put to use in America's factories; and

22 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, President Franklin
23 D. Roosevelt encouraged ~~Scouts~~ *scouts* to do their part by
24 providing services to assist relief agencies, and to have scout
25 leaders provide training for the Civilian Conservation Corps.; and

26 WHEREAS, ~~scouting~~ *Scouting* is operated locally through units
27 sponsored by churches, clubs, civic associations, educational
28 organizations and the like, which furthers their mission to give
29 back to their communities; and

30 WHEREAS, Units of ~~Scouting~~ *scouting* are led entirely by
31 volunteers; and

32 WHEREAS, In addition to nostalgic memories of campfires
33 kindling friendships, prominent leaders in all fields of endeavor
34 have credited the skills they learned in ~~Scouting~~ *scouting* as helping
35 mold them into successful citizens; and

36 WHEREAS, Over two-thirds of all astronauts had some type
37 of involvement in ~~Scouting~~ *scouting*, and 11 of the 12 men to walk
38 on the Moon were *Boy Scouts*, including Eagle Scouts Neil
39 Armstrong and Charlie Duke; and

1 WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford stated, “I can say without
2 hesitation, because of Scouting principles, I know I was a better
3 athlete, I was a better naval officer, I was a better Congressman,
4 and I was a better prepared President;” and

5 WHEREAS, Scouts have been urged to “Do a Good Turn Daily”
6 from the inception of the scouting movement; and

7 WHEREAS, Scouting for Food is an on-going annual program,
8 started in 1986, that collects food for local food banks; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Boy Scouts of America developed
10 Service to America, with a commitment to provide 200 million
11 hours of service by youth members by the end of the year 2000,
12 which included service projects with the National Park Service;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The achievements and contributions of the scouting
15 program are possible only through the dedicated service hours of
16 California’s youth, and it is through their leadership, and the efforts
17 of all scouting volunteers and families, that California’s future will
18 continue to flourish; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Boy Scouts of America honored its
20 two-millionth Eagle Scout; and

21 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America centennial logo was
22 created by Philip Goolkasian, an Eagle Scout from Fresno,
23 California; and

24 WHEREAS, The United States Mint issued 350,000 Boy Scouts
25 of America Silver Dollar Centennial Commemorative Coins; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service released the
27 Celebrate Scouting commemorative stamp; and

28 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America,
29 for the first time in its history, entered a float commemorating its
30 100th Anniversary anniversary for the Annual Tournament of
31 Roses Parade held in Pasadena, California; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature does hereby recognize*
34 *February 8, 2010, as “100th Anniversary of Scouting Day,” and*
35 *the Boy Scouts of America on its 100th anniversary; and be it*
36 *further*

37 *Resolved, That the Legislature congratulate and commend the*
38 *Boy Scouts of America on their 100th Anniversary and Centennial*
39 *Celebration, and recognize the outstanding achievements and*
40 *impacts the scouting program has had on youth in California, across*

1 the United States and throughout the world, and their dedication
2 to service and volunteerism in their communities; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall produce
4 and distribute to all Members of the Legislature sufficient copies
5 of this resolution such that Members may present them to local
6 Scouting Councils and Troops as a memento of the auspicious
7 occasion of ~~the~~ *their* 100th ~~Anniversary of Scouting~~ anniversary.

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